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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the section of the specification under the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings" with the following revised section of the same

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The foregoing aspects are better understood from the following detailed description of one embodiment of the invention with reference to the drawings, in which:

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Fig. 1 is a flow diagram of one example method for installing a vehicle disablement system according to the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a flow diagram of one example method for installing a vehicle disabled system on the vehicle once it is received for a government required inspection according to the present invention;

Fig. 3 is a flow diagram that depicts one illustrative method for connecting a radio receiver to an on-board computer according to the present invention;

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- Fig. 4 is a flow diagram that depicts one alternative example method for connecting a radio receiver to an on-board computer according to the present invention;
- 25 Fig. 5 is a flow diagram that depicts one example method for programming an on-board computer according to the present invention;
 - Fig. 6 is a block diagram of a vehicle disablement system that implements the methods of the present invention;

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Fig. 7 is a block diagram of one alternative embodiment of a vehicle disablement system according to the present invention; <u>and</u>

Fig. 8 is a block diagram that depicts an on-board computer wherein a receiver is integrated into the on-board computer during original manufacturer according to the teachings of the present invention[[;]] and

Fig. 9 is a block diagram that depicts one example embodiment of a decoder according to the teachings of the present invention.

Please replace the last paragraph on Page 11, which begins with "Fig. 9 is a block diagram that depicts one example embodiment of a decoder according to the teachings of the present invention." With the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 9 is a block diagram that depicts one example embodiment of a decoder according to the teachings of the present invention. According to this one example embodiment, a decoder comprises the a comparator 250 this that is capable of receiving a vehicle identification number 255 from the demodulator 140. Typically, the decoder further comprises a serial-to-parallel converter 260. A state machine within the decoder causes the serial-to-parallel converter 260 to receive a serial bitstream from the demodulator 140 into properly frame a command message. This command message comprises the vehicle

identification number 255. The decoder 140 further comprises a receiver identification number 257 that corresponds to a particular vehicle identification number. Hence, each individual receiver is programmed with a unique receiver identification number. When a command message is received and the vehicle identification number 255 in the command message matches the receiver's identification number 257 as indicated by the comparator 250, a disable (or in the

alternative a keep-alive) signal 450 is generated.